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District Court to increase PDF size limit to 35 MB in CM/ECF system

On the morning of Friday, August 19, 2016, the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois will increase the PDF size limit to 35 MB for documents filed in the Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system. Currently, the Northern District of Illinois' file size limit is 20 MB.

When CM/ECF launched in 2001, the maximum document size allowed was restricted because of hardware and network limitations. Over the last 15 years, however, the capacity of the hardware and network speeds have vastly improved, thereby increasing the limits on the size of files to be uploaded to CM/ECF.

A larger maximum file eliminates potential complications for users when filing documents with the court.

The CM/ECF system is the Federal Judiciary's comprehensive case management system for all bankruptcy, district, and appellate courts. CM/ECF allows courts to accept filings and provides access to filed documents online. CM/ECF gives access to case files by multiple parties, and offers expanded search and reporting capabilities. The system also offers the ability to immediately update dockets and download documents and print them directly from the court system.

The Northern District of Illinois' CM/ECF website can be found at:

<https://ecf.ilnd.uscourts.gov>

A link is also available on the court's website at:

<http://www.ilnd.uscourts.gov>

